



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT
JUNE 1, 2015**

The Regular meeting Questions to Directors of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Present

Majority Leader Thomas J. Serra, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer, Sergeant-at-arms Officer Edwin Ortiz, and Common Council Clerk Marie O Norwood.

Absent:

Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Deputy Mayor Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James B. Streeto

Also Present

60 Members of the public

1. Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 p.m.

A. (Pledge of Allegiance)

The Acting Chair asks the students for the Mayor for a Day Program to lead the public in the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem is sung by Nia West.

B. (Council Clerk Reads the Call of the Meeting and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting.)

The Acting Chair, before having the call read, introduces the Mayor for a Day program headed by Jon Geary at the Middle School. He asks when I call your name come forward. These are the future leaders and he asks they take their seats on the dais. Tomorrow there will be a mock council meeting at noon. One of the reasons he sits here is because he did Mayor for a Day and it piqued his interest and hopefully one day they will be sitting here again.

The call is read; the Acting Chair states the call is a legal call and the meeting is a legal meeting.

2. Accept/Amend the Agenda.

Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta moves to amend the agenda by adding 8K, grant and substitute agenda items 10D Kleen Energy fund budget and Mayor's appointments. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 8 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 2 nay votes by Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilman David Bauer and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 7 affirmative votes, 2 in opposition and 2 absent.

3. Presentations

A. Honoring Brian W. Armet

Resolution No. 59-15

File Name ccvbrianarmetonretirement
(Approved)

WHEREAS, Brian Armet, Executive Director of the Mattabassett District, the third largest wastewater treatment facility in the State of Connecticut serving its member communities of New Britain, Berlin, Cromwell, and Middletown, along with portions of Rocky Hill, Newington, and Farmington, is retiring after fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Bucknell University with a BS in Civil Engineering in 1967; he served in the U. S. Army as a Lieutenant from 1967 to 1970; after his service, Brian returned to School at Penn State where he graduated with a Masters in Sanitary Engineering, majoring in wastewater Treatment; and

WHEREAS, while attending Penn State, Brian met his wife Joan; they were married on October 28, 1972. They have two sons; the eldest is Daniel B. Armet, is married to Caroline and they have a son Alexander Daniel Armet. The youngest is Thomas Armet. Joan has been supportive of Brian's efforts during their forty-three year marriage; and

WHEREAS, Brian has 45 years of experience in the wastewater and water fields; in 1971, he began working as a Project Engineer with Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection where he provided technical and operations support to all

Connecticut Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities; in 1975 to 1983, he became the Plant Superintendent/Chief Engineer at the Mattabassett District, then a regional sewer authority; in 1983, he worked as a Senior Project Manager with three private environmental consultants on wastewater treatment operations support, design and groundwater investigation; and

WHEREAS, Brian is a certified Grade IV Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, a professional engineer and a Diplomat in the American Academy of Environmental Engineers; he is experienced in management systems, environmental assessments, regulatory compliance audits, soil and groundwater investigations and remedial system design, storm water management programs. He has vast experience with regulatory agencies, working with municipal officials and clients; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member in the community, currently serving on the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Agencies, Member of New England Water Environment Association, their Government Affairs, Utility Management and Plant Operations Committees. He sat on Cromwell's Planning and Zoning Commission for 18 years, four as Chair and four as Vice Chair; he also sat on the Board of Directors of the Children's home of Cromwell, Adelbrook; and

WHEREAS, Brian has successfully managed the operations of the District Wastewater Treatment Facility, along with budget preparations, human resources, public relations, long-range planning and now overseeing a \$100,000,000 upgrade and expansion of the facilities. He has been awarded the Public Owner of the Year from the Associated General Contractors of Connecticut and the New England Water Environment Association's Alfred E. Peloquin Award given to individuals who show a high level of interest and performance in Wastewater Operations and who make a significant contribution to the field and

WHEREAS, Middletown sought membership to the District and Brian, working with the communities and legislature, was instrumental in Middletown's bid to join the district, helping to resolve the various concerns of the member Cities and Towns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That we congratulate Brian Armet on his retirement as Executive Director of the Mattabassett District Wastewater Treatment Facility; we wish he and his wife Joan a happy and healthy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Brian's 45 years of experience not only in the wastewater management areas, but also his administrative knowledge in running the District and his ability to get people to work cooperatively together will be missed. On behalf of the City of Middletown, we thank Brian Armet for the work he has done to advocate Middletown for membership to a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility with a 35 million gallon capacity.

Acting Chair Serra asks Brian Armet to come forward along with his family. He states it is honor to read this. He asks the Middletown Directors for the Mattabassett District, David Bauer, David Aldieri and Joe Samolis to also join the group at the public podium. Acting Chair Serra states he has known Brian a long time and most impressive is going to the meetings at the district and how organized the district is and the agendas are thick but each motion has a detailed explanation and that is due to the organization and Brian's knowledge. We will miss an advocate for Middletown. Without objection the item is approved by acclamation

Brian Armet thanks the Council for the honor and it has taken a long time to get Middletown into the district. It was built in 1964; in 1961 when it was being considered, the last minute Middletown backed out and it has taken 41 years for them to become a member. These directors are good board members and are active on committees to see the facility grow for the next 25 years. I thank you.

Acting Chair thanks Brian for his service.

B. Honoring Anthony R. J. Moran.

Resolution No. 60-15

File Name ccreanthonymoran

(Approved)

WHEREAS, Anthony Reno Joseph Moran has been a resident of Middletown since February 23, 2007 and since then has been an active member of this Community; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has been a student in Middletown public schools and is currently a member of the Class of 2015 at Middletown High School and will graduate on June 16; and

WHEREAS, He was a two-term member of the Woodrow Wilson Middle School Student Council, serving during the 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years; while in attendance he participated in the "Mayor For A Day" program, "shadowing" Majority Leader Thomas J. Serra; and

WHEREAS, While a student at Middletown High School, Anthony has been twice appointed to the Middletown Mayoral Youth Cabinet for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic years, has served, since March 22, 2014, as a Student Representative to the Middletown Commission on the Arts, pursuant to the Youth-in-Government Program and has served as a Mattabaset Future Farmers of America Chapter Officer for the 2014-15 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has been an active member of the Middletown Democratic Party as a volunteer since the 2011 municipal election and for every election up to and including the most recent election of 2014; he has worked on public outreach to voters via telephone and door-to-door canvassing; and

WHEREAS, Anthony, having attained the age of majority, has become an elector of the City of Middletown and has been appointed by the Honorable Daniel T. Drew, Mayor, as a Commissioner on the City's Urban Forestry Commission, which appointment was confirmed by this Council on May 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Anthony will matriculate at Middlesex Community College this fall and plans to transfer to Central Connecticut State University to pursue a degree and certification in Education to become a teacher.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That we wish Anthony good fortune and good health as he pursues his education at Middlesex Community College and CCSU in all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we thank Anthony for all of his time and efforts in being the quintessential active citizen in this Community.

Councilman Giuliano states he was reminded by Brian that Middletown's road to become a member was not without its bumps and without Brian it would not have happened.

Councilman Giuliano asks Anthony to come forward and reads a resolution. He reads the resolution and moves it for approval; Councilman Faulkner seconds the motion. The acting Chair states with no objection will be approved by acclamation. SG it is appropriate to do this on the night of student active in government. Anthony went and got a copy of the budget and read the whole thing. There have been members of the Council who did not read the entire budget, present company excluded. His commitment should not be questioned. He might be the first sitting senior youth in government program that is recognized by us. You mean a lot to us and we have been impressed by your dedication and it is the least we can do for you and I am proud to give it to you tonight.

Anthony states this is my graduation present from my mom. He thanks Councilman Giuliano and all the council members and thank Councilman Serra for his dedication. He along with Councilman Giuliano have been his mentors. Councilman Serra states you have earned this. You come to me at commission meetings and you ask a ton of questions and earned this acknowledgement and we hope you will continue to be involved.

4. Mayor requests motion to approve minutes of:

The minutes having been deposited with the Mayor and Corporation Counsel and copies of the same having been served on each and every Council member, the reading of the same having been dispensed with, the Acting Chair requests a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper reads and moves for approval the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2015. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper reads and moves for approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 4, 2015 at 6 p.m. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper reads and moves for approval the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

5. Public Hearing on Agenda Items Opens.

The acting chair opens the public hearing on agenda items at 7:26 p.m.

Stephen Devoto comes forward to address the Council on agenda item 10A, an ordinance to call for an RFP for a riverfront development plan. He speaks in support of it with conditions. He discusses the recent history that got them where they are. The Project for Public Spaces helped the City with a plan that was adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission and they wrote zoning code text changes. They were defeated by three members of the commission. He reads a portion of the resolution. He thinks it is a good idea to hire professionals to come up with zoning code text. He asks that they ensure that it is not a means to delay stall or prevent the development of the riverfront. The RFP you are required to include funding but it is not included. You might want to refer this to committee. He requests that you committee that you will pay for such a study and not sent into committee and down the line come out without funding. He suggests that the charge for the RFP be clearly defined. The City just spent \$50,000 for a plan for the riverfront. Be clear on what you are asking for; most is targeted for City owned land and most of that is called to be parks and open space. He wants this to move along. We need to show residents that things are happening.

Councilwoman Bartolotta moves to waive the rules to allow the members of the Middletown Rowing Club to speak; Councilman Chisem seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous with 9 ayes to waive the rules. Members of the Rowing Team come forward to thank the Council for the recent grant the

Council approved to help the team pay for their brand new boats. As a rower it is a struggle and to keep up with materials that we need. It requires a lot of funding and support and people like you on the Council. Thank you for the grant and it will keep us running for many years.

Another member speaks about her experience on the team and how the boats impact the program. I behalf of the team thank you.

Wendy Shiel, head coach and thanks the Council. She states it is the best job ever. Thanks everyone who was able to be there. It has been a struggle to be recognized and appreciated the earmarked funds to pay off the boat. Chair asks how many on the team. Shiel it is 75 this year.

In commemoration of our appreciation we have a photo for the Council and Mayor with the team members and the boats you paid for. Thank you.

6. Public Hearing on Agenda Items Closes.

The Acting Chair closes the public hearing on agenda items at 7:37 p.m.

7. Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation and bond ordinance requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance.

Notice of Appropriation

Notice of Certification of Finance Director

A. Emergency Mgt \$20,000, Account No. 1000-25500-55185, Contractual Services, General Fund

(Approved)

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper reads and moves for approval the appropriation for Emergency Mgt, \$20,000, Account No. 1000-25500-55185, Contractual Services, General Fund. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

The acting chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

B. Fire Department \$140,000, Various accounts, Various budget items, Fire Fund Balance

(Defeated and Referred to Public Safety Commission)

Councilman Gerald E. Daley reads and moves for approval the appropriation for the Fire Department, \$140,000, Various accounts, Various budget items, Fire Fund Balance. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

Councilman Daley states there is agreement that it will be reconsidered by Public Safety for modification and because it was advertised, it cannot be tabled and should be voted down and it should come back to us.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 0 aye votes; 9 nay votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter failed with 0 affirmative votes, 9 in opposition and 2 absent.

8. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approvals:

**A. City Clerk's Certificate
(APPROVED)**



City of Middletown
City & Town Clerk's Office
245 deKoven Drive
Middletown, CT 06457

May 28, 2015

I, Linda Bettencourt, City and Town Clerk of the City of Middletown, and custodian of the records and seal thereof, hereby certify that all ordinances and appropriations passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Common Council on May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and the special meetings on May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., have been advertised in the local newspaper.

Attest:

Linda Bettencourt
Linda Bettencourt
City & Town Clerk



Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 28th day of May, 2015.

❖ Phone (860) 638-4910 ❖ Fax (860) 638-1910 ❖ TDD (860) 638-4812

B. **Monthly Reports:**
 Finance Department - Transfer Report to May 14, 2015
 (APPROVED)

Transfers of Funds - Operating Budget Accounts					
From 4/25/15			To 5/14/15		
FY 2014-2015					
Date	Department	Budget Item	From Account No.	To Account No.	Amount
04/28/15	PW/Highway	General Specialized Equipment	1000-22000-53100-0226		(3,000.00)
	PW/Bldg & Grnds	Repairs/MaintenNCE To Building		1000-22000-53380-0229	1,500.00
	PW/City Hall	Contractual Services		1000-22000-55185-0227-50001	1,500.00
04/28/15	Human Resources	Arbitration Services	1000-06000-55135-0170		(10,000.00)
		General Administrative		1000-06000-52110-0050	10,000.00
04/29/15	IT	Web Site	1000-03500-55380		(880.56)
		Consultant Services		1000-03500-55180	880.56
04/29/15	Assessor	Contractual Services	1000-10000-55185		(6,300.00)
		General Administrative		1000-10000-52110	6,300.00
05/01/15	Human Relations	General Administration	1000-11000-52110		(293.00)
		Mileage		1000-11000-52130	293.00
05/01/15	Sewer	Contingency Fund	2050-65000-57020		(3,000.00)
		Repairs/Maintenance to Vehicles		2050-65000-53520	3,000.00
05/01/15	Assessor	Contractual Services	1000-10000-55185		(2,200.00)
		Accounting & Auditing		1000-10000-55110	2,200.00
05/11/15	Recreation	Misc Supplies	1000-32000-53115-0321		(1,000.00)
		Cell Phone	1000-32000-54120-0321		(300.00)
		Overtime		1000-32000-51940-0321	1,300.00
05/12/15	Health	Events	1000-31000-53705		(200.00)
		General Administrative		1000-31000-52110	200.00
05/11/15	Police	Prof Develop/Training	1000-18000-51930-0180		(2,500.00)
		Lethal/less Lethal Equip & Supplies		1000-18000-53140-0180	2,500.00
		Vaccinations	1000-18000-53170-0180		(1,364.00)
		Repairs/Maintenance to Buildings	1000-18000-53380-0180		(6,000.00)
		Claims Paid		1000-18000-57110-0180	6,000.00
		Spec Agency Supplies & Equipment		1000-18000-53102-0180	1,364.00
05/11/15	Library	Sunday Opening OT	1000-07000-51345		(2,270.25)
		Water	1000-07000-54170		(494.42)
		Repairs/Maintenance to Buildings		1000-07000-53380	5,764.68
		Salaries & Wages, PT Perm	1000-07000-51215		(3,000.00)
05/13/15	Library	Staff Computers & Peripherals	2070-07000-79675-x-x-2015		(183.74)
		Information Services Instructor Laptops	2070-07000-79678-x-x-2015		(220.00)
		3 yr Upgrade Adult & Staff Computers Micr	2070-07000-79682-x-x-2015		(50.00)
		Children's Program Laptops & /pads		2070-07000-79677-x-x-2015	92.00
		Public Computers & Peripherals		2070-07000-79680-x-x-2015	235.00
		Young Adult Services		2070-07000-79684-x-x-2015	126.74
05/13/15	PW/Engineering	General Administrative	1000-22000-52110-0223		(800.00)
	PW/Highway	General Administrative		1000-22000-52110-0226	800.00
					0.00

C. **Grant Confirmation and Approval - Board of Education, Various Grants**
 (APPROVED)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL

OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:215

Date of Request:5/19/2015

Name of Grant:as listed below

Amount Requested:\$718,002.06

Code:2450-33000-59405-X-03025

Grant Period: From:7/1/2014 To:6/30/2015

Rev Code2450-33000-43480-X-X

Type of Grant:

Amount Loaned from General Fund:\$0.00

Department Administering Grant:Middletown Board of Education

When any department, commission, office or agency is the recipient of any federal, state or other grant allocated for specific purposes, these funds shall be immediately transferred to the specific unit which has made application for such grant. Confirmation and approval of such transfer shall be given at the next regularly scheduled sessions of the Common Council. Notwithstanding any other Charter provision, the action of the Common Council in confirming and approving such transfer shall be an appropriation; no public hearing thereon shall be required and said funds may then be expended for the purposes or which they were granted.

Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
*86 - CAUSE Wesleyan Mini \$3,167.91; 841 - SPED Medicaid \$84,112.20; 854 - United Way YSD \$21.12; 876 - Hartford Symphony Donations \$13,730.00; 894 - Swaim Strings Pgm \$5,850.00; 897 - MacDonough After School Pgm (\$3,006.00); *00 - Food Services \$298,138.47; 801- Retirees/Cobra Ins \$202,288.24; 803 - Workers Comp \$13,979.84; 804 - Preschool Pgm Fees \$10,365.24; 809 - Maintenance/Rentals \$5,787.50; 821 - Student Guardian Bus Camera \$1,080.00; 823 - Central Office Receipts \$1,000.00; 833 - ADED Receipts \$8,761.11; 893 - Fingerprinting Receipts \$206.50; 895 - SPED Tuition Reimbursement \$50,519.93; 898 - Student Activities - MHS \$500.00; 899 EASTCONN-Team Mentor \$16,000.00; 902 - Student Activities-VVMS \$5,500.00. Total Special Programs through 4/17/15 \$16,467,558.25 ADDITIONS \$718,002.06 Total Special Programs through 5/19/2015 \$17,185,560.31.

Signature:Patricia Charles

Requested by:Patricia Charles, ED.D.

Status:

Status Date:

D. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Water and Sewer, DeBoer Estate Donations (APPROVED)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:	213	Date of Request:	5/11/2015
Name of Grant:	DEBOER ESTATE DONATIONS		
Amount Requested:	\$1,246.87	Code:	2300-14000-57030-0000-23250-0000-0000
Grant Period:	From: 5/11/2015 To: 5/11/2016	Rev Code:	2300-14000-48195-23250
Type of Grant:	LOCAL	Amount Loaned from General Fund:	\$0.00
Department Administering Grant:	WATER & SEWER		

When any department, commission, office or agency is the recipient of any federal, state or other grant allocated for specific purposes, these funds shall be immediately transferred to the specific unit which has made application for such grant. Confirmation and approval of such transfer shall be given at the next regularly scheduled sessions of the Common Council. Notwithstanding any other Charter provision, the action of the Common Council in confirming and approving such transfer shall be an appropriation; no public hearing thereon shall be required and said funds may then be expended for the purposes for which they were granted.

Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED BY THE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION TO PLANT AND PRUNE TREES AT THE KERSTE DEBOER ARBORETUM ON LONG LANE IN MIDDLETOWN.

Signature:

Requested by: JAMES SIPPERLY

Status:

Status Date:

E. Grant confirmation and Approval - Health Dept., Kids Expo (APPROVED)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:	214	Date of Request:	5/19/2015
Name of Grant:	Kids Safety Expo		
Amount Requested:	\$1,000.00	Code:	3070-31000-57030-x-03380-x-x
Grant Period:	From: 7/1/2014 To: 6/30/2015	Rev Code:	3070-31000-48195-x-x-x-x
Type of Grant:	local	Amount Loaned from General Fund:	\$0.00
Department Administering Grant:	Health Department		

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
Middletown Kids Health & Safety Day: offer education information about wellness, interactive exhibits, health screenings, child identification, etc. - Middlesex Hospital \$1,000

Signature:

Requested by: Sal Nesci

Status:

Status Date:

**F. Middletown Commission on the Arts Semi-annual Report - Chair C. Day
(APPROVED)**

Middletown Commission on the Arts semi-annual report to the Common Council – June 1, 2015

In the last two years alone, the MCA and the City of Middletown has given out over \$126,000 in the form of more than a dozen operating grants while funding nearly 50 projects. These include a Trinidad-style Caribbean Carnival at Harbor Park, a trio of concerts that will lead up to a newly revived Midnight on Main-type event; Wesleyan University's Big Draw; the Connecticut Ballet's Summer Dance Caravan, Oddfellows Playhouse productions of "Oliver" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Artfarm's Shakespeare in the Grove and Middletown High School Goes To the Symphony.

General operating support has been provided to the Greater Middletown Concert Association, the North End Arts Rising (The Buttonwood Tree), Greater Middletown Chorale, Oddfellows Playhouse and ArtFarm, which have provided programming from a variety of disciplines for decades.

These organizations and many others foster a culturally and artistically diverse community that enriches lives here in the city and draws audiences from throughout the region. Through their outreach efforts, many invest in one of our most valuable resources – young people – who will in turn perpetuate Middletown's artistic vision for generations.

They, as well as Wesleyan University, Russell Library, Klekolo and others actively recruit volunteers who provide an average of 20 hours each. These efforts create a savings of more than \$173,000 (based on a rate of \$27.50 per hour).

Over the last two years, the city has hosted local arts projects whose budgets total \$2.98 million, with grantees asking for more than \$267,000 in support. With City approval, the MCA awarded \$126,000, or 4.23 percent of these budgets, toward activities enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. During each budget cycle, the city granted \$63,000.

In fiscal year 2013-14, it funded 5.2 percent of projects totaling \$1.2 million; in 2014-15, the MCA dispersed 3.6 percent of projects whose entire budgets comprised \$1.76 million.

Three subcommittees of the Middletown Arts Commission have been hard at work this year with projects that enhance, expand and draw upon the city's wealth of talent as well as fostering creativity in our youth.

Public Art Committee

□ Members of this subcommittee are continuing to refine the City Art Collection Acquisition Policy. Curatorial concerns include framing the donation of Middletown native Adam Wasicki's "Rooster" piece, and updating/replacing plaques on some paintings.

□ The panel has most recently selected Middletown resident Gil Scullion's work, "Wagon Train," which was acquired last June. It is a hand-cut paper stencil template from the series "Plow a Furrow, Sow a Seed."

□ It is charged with selecting and presenting the MCA Annual Arts Award, given to a graduating senior from one of the city's high schools for a work of art. The 2014 winner was Joe Hartman for his photo montage, which earned a \$150 prize.

□ Members are also working on the acceptance of a piece by John Risley, professor of design and sculpture at Wesleyan, a gift from the university's German department. It is being offered to the city for the cost of moving.

Planning and Projects

□ Over the past year, the subcommittee has worked on a number of tasks, including the setup and activities for the annual Open Air Market at the Wadsworth Mansion. The MCA booth offers information about various arts organizations and their upcoming events, as well as an art station that allows children to paint and create their own masks to take home.

□ Members assist the commission with presenting the annual Arts Advocacy Award – this year given to John Basinger, a teacher and multitalented artist; and the creators of the new "Middleshire" exhibit at Kidcity.

□ Its newest project is drawing up guidelines, assembling a panel for, and selecting a Middletown Poet Laureate.

□ The committee is spearheading plans to expand the Children's Circus and Kids Arts into full-time summer programs that will provide a full day of child learning and care for children of working parents.

Kids Arts

□ Last year's 26th Annual Children's Circus, "Circus Saves the Day" and creative arts workshops with the theme, "The Drought Monster – Save the Rainforest," culminated with an August outdoor performance that attracted more than 1,200 adults and children to Macdonough Elementary School.

□ This summer camp provides five weeks of half-day programs (morning and afternoon) with a total enrollment of 171, which represents children attending both sessions. The circus involved 147, while 72 enrolled in the creative arts workshops. About 49 percent of those participating used free busing to get to and from the program. This figure may increase in 2015 as Spencer School once again hosts these camps.

□ Kids Arts operates on a sliding scale to ensure participation for all interested children who live in the city. There have been more requests from parents for full-day programming and the MCA is looking for ways to address the concern. Presently, these camps can only accommodate full-day requests for about one-third of those enrolled.

arts2go.org

□ The Arts & Culture Office maintains the City's Arts & Entertainment website which provides multiple daily updates on what's happening in the arts/entertainment areas in the City on any given day. Visitors to the site by numbers -

Past year: 6,531, of which 3783 were new viewers Past month: 640; 450 new Past week: 152; 108 new

**G. Tax Collector's Suspense Report, May 20, 2015
(APPROVED)**

City of Middletown Office of the Tax Collector

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May 20, 2015

Mayor Daniel T. Drew
Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 12-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby submit a grand total of Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax bills which I deemed to be uncollectible at the present time and request your approval to transfer these items to our Suspense Tax Book as of June 1, 2015. A list is available in the Tax Office.

Motor vehicles submitted for suspense are presently not registered in Middletown. All suspense items are also entered into our automated file system. The file is used to cross reference motor vehicle tax bills and all delinquent motor vehicle tax accounts.

This file is a valuable tool in the collection of all delinquent motor vehicle taxes. From July 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015, we have collected more than \$16,000 in suspense items and more than \$450,000.00 in the past fourteen years.

Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$ 120,178.92
Personal Property Taxes	\$ 63,906.90
Supplemental Motor Vehicle Taxes	<u>\$ 22,501.96</u>
	\$ 206,587.78

If these suspense items are approved, I would appreciate being informed, in writing, of such action as a matter of record.

Very truly yours,




Lee Renee Matterazzo, CCMC
Tax Collector
City of Middletown

❖ 245 deKoven Drive ❖ Middletown ❖ CT ❖ 06457 ❖

H. Emergency Purchase - Emergency Management, Generator repair
(APPROVED)

Memorandum

To: Mayor & Members of the Common Council

From: George Dunn, Director
Emergency Management 

Date: 5/13/2015

Re: Emergency Repair – Emergency Management Generator

Due to the nature of the department's mission to assist in emergency situations, it is imperative that the generator be functional at all times. Once it was determined that the generator was malfunctioning, the department immediately sought the repair work. As a result, quotes were not secured in advance for the repair work totaling \$2,654.41.

I. Emergency Purchase - Public Works, Cranberry Lane Repair (APPROVED)

Memorandum

To: Mayor Daniel T. Deew
Members of the Common Council

From: William Russo, Director
Public Works

Date: 5/26/2015

Re: Cranberry Lane – Emergency Repair

The condition of the Cranberry Lane deteriorated to the point where Public Works had to take immediate remediation, negating the opportunity to bid the project as we first intended.

We have hired JV III to do the work and a large portion of the work is in conformance with a valid state bid. However, there were several pieces of equipment we needed to use that were not on an up-to-date bid.

The rate for the Grader, Roller, and Tri-axle Dump Truck are from expired state bids, but the contractor agreed to use those rates.

The only paving machine bid is the current City bid for Equipment Rental. JV III has agreed to use the price of \$150/HR, even though the bid price was from another contractor.

It was the department's decision to utilize the services of the company onsite for all equipment needed so as to complete the job in a more time efficient manner. Furthermore, the contractor was willing to maintain the bid pricing on expired bids or match pricing.

J. Emergency Purchase - Public Works Parks Building HVAC (APPROVED)

Memorandum

To: Mayor Daniel T. Drew
Members of the Common Council

From: William Russo, Director
Public Works

Date: 5/26/2015

Re: Parks Building HVAC Unit - Emergency Repair

When the condenser at the Parks Building on Butterkut Street was recently turned on, it was not operational. It was determined that it must have become damaged from snow and ice that fell off the roof during the winter. The unit is beyond repair and must be replaced. The Claims Administrator was consulted; however, the City's high deductible prevents us from filing a claim until the deductible is met.

B-G Mechanical, the company that has serviced all the City buildings with HVAC equipment, has estimated the cost to be \$3,490. The unit will be moved to a new location to prevent similar damage in the future. Because the building cannot be left without air conditioning during the summer months, the department has moved forward with the installation as an emergency repair.

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Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta reads and moves for approval Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approvals including agenda items 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8I, and 8J. Councilman Giuliano reminds the maker of the motion that there is an 8K. Councilwoman Bartolotta includes 8K in her motion to approve. Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano seconds the motion.

The acting chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes, and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

9. Payment of all City bills when properly approved.

Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta reads and moves for approval Payment of all City bills when properly approved. Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper seconds the motion. The acting chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 1 nay vote by Councilman David Bauer and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 1 in opposition and 2 absent.

10. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.:

- A. Approving preparing a Request for Proposal for qualified, professional planners to create a Riverfront Development Plan that provides for the proper and rational approach to develop the riverfront opened to development with the decommissioning of the Wastewater Treatment Plant; the plan should include zoning code text to meet the objectives in the plan and that the consultant, used to develop the plan, is prohibited from seeking or being awarded work whether**

contractor, subcontractor, vendor or developer for any of the projects that the City of Middletown may undertake within the Target area.

Resolution No. 61-15

File Name ccRiverfrontDevelopment

(Referred to Economic Development Commission)

WHEREAS, the City has invested \$13 Million to enable the de-commissioning of its Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

WHEREAS, this has rendered a significant portion of Middletown's riverfront available for development, and

WHEREAS, this segment of the Connecticut River front is a great and desirable natural resource that embodies significant natural beauty as well as the cultural heritage and history of the City, and

WHEREAS, the prime parcels of land in the targeted development area are owned by the City and other government agencies, and

WHEREAS, proper development of this area, commensurate with its significant natural value, would contribute a substantial increase in the value of Middletown's Grand List and stimulate further enhancement of downtown Middletown, other riverfront improvement as well as additional commercial development,

NOW THEREFORE, to insure that the City shall enjoy and benefit from the full potential of its riverfront development,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City, through the appropriate personnel in the Office of Planning, Conservation and Development, the Finance Department and the Office of General Counsel, and/or such other City Officials as deemed appropriate by the Mayor, prepare a Request For Proposal (RFP), soliciting response from qualified professional planners, to create a Riverfront Development Plan that

1. Provides a clear and cogent path to the enhancement and development of the target area, with due consideration for the enhancement of the surrounding areas, as well as Middletown's downtown.
2. Provides Zoning Code text to insure that the objectives of the City shall be met.
3. Includes a provision that the professional planner awarded the contract to create the development plan shall be prohibited from seeking or being awarded any work, as a contractor, subcontractor, vendor or developer, for any capital projects that may be undertaken by the City of Middletown, as the owner or developer of any site within the target area, to implement the objectives of the anticipated Riverfront Development Plan.

Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano reads and moves for approval preparing a Request for Proposal for qualified, professional planners to create a Riverfront Development Plan that provides for the proper and rational approach to develop the riverfront opened to development with the decommissioning of the Wastewater Treatment Plant; the plan should include zoning code text to meet the objectives in the plan and that the consultant, used to develop the plan, is prohibited from seeking or being awarded work whether contractor, subcontractor, vendor or developer for any of the projects that the City of Middletown may undertake within the Target area. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion.

Councilman Daley moves to refer this to the Economic Development Commission to ensure we intend to take this up. Councilman Bauer seconds the motion.

Councilman Daley states he is not sure what exactly what we need to do or what RFP we need. As Mr. Devoto indicated, it had a number of fairly specific recommendations. We will discuss what we can do to move things forward and this retention to help with a master plan may be part of the solution. There may be things we can do. A few weeks ago there was an article about riverfront recapture and what it is worth for Hartford and it was about \$7 million due to increased activity at the riverfront park services. This week, Joe Marfuggi is retiring and his successor was on face the state and it was interesting to hear them talk about what riverfront recapture has done; it is more a park system and connecting different parts of the City and because of the flooding that occurs, it is not feasible for high value commercial development on the river. It is a great resource. I appreciate the fact is focusing us on the need to move forward with the plan. We are still awaiting DOT and their plans. It is good to get a reminder to renew our efforts.

Councilman Bauer states he was glad to second the amendment to send to this to Economic Development Commission. It took us a long time to get here and he is reminded of a vote that got us here to join the Mattabassett Treatment Plant and it was expensive. We have tremendous responsibility to make that investment to come to some type of fruition and that responsibility is what to do about the grand list. I want this step to be unanimous and we need to think in terms of the entire section as it gets redeveloped. The tax payers have the most to gain and we satisfy our commitment to them by getting an increase to the grand list from this development and to have a holistic plan. As he has learned about this process nothing is more attractive to a developer than when you can say you follow our plan, you will make money and when we show them a way to cooperate with an overall plan for the river it is an easy process and easy profit and it grows our grand list and it is a path I am looking for. We want this done quickly. We need to get the DOT to take notice of what we are doing and if we have a comprehensive project that generates interest for the river then we as a town can go to the DOT with more influence and get the improvements for Route 9 and get Middletown planted in the right direction.

Councilman Faulkner wanted to encourage the public and community to continue to participate in this process and bring ideas of what we want to do on the riverfront to the City. Generally speaking a large part of the community doesn't plug in, but he encourages the public do so.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald

E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto to refer this back to Economic Development. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

- B. Approving the reporting format for the City's Budget including revenues, expenses, capital reserves and fund activities to include the previous 5 fiscal years as well as showing projections for the next 4 fiscal years; the Finance and Government Operations Commission will approve the final design and such format will begin with the budget for fiscal year 2016 - 2017.**

Resolution No. 62-15

File Name cc2015rebudgetformat

(Referred to Finance and Government Operations)

WHEREAS, it is the province of the Common Council to adopt the annual budget for the City of Middletown, and

WHEREAS, each annual budget is dependent upon, inter alia, annual budgets previously adopted by the Common Council, and

WHEREAS, each annual budget that is adopted by the Common Council has an impact on future annual budgets and future Common Councils, and

WHEREAS, the City now possessed the technology whereby it has the ability to "track" previous budgets and the fiscal trends evidence thereby, as well as to project future expenditures based upon current proposed and/or adopted budgets,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN that:

1. The City Finance Department shall institute a reporting format for City revenues, expenses, capital reserves and fund activities that shows current Fiscal Year, the previous five (5) Fiscal Years and projects the next four (4) Fiscal Years.
2. The City Finance Department shall consult the Finance & Government Operations Commission for final format approval.
3. That such reporting format shall be in place and ready to be used commencing with the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget.

Councilman David Bauer moved approving the reporting format for the City's Budget including revenues, expenses, capital reserves and fund activities to include the previous 5 fiscal years as well as showing projections for the next 4 fiscal years; the Finance and Government Operations Commission will approve the final design and such format will begin with the budget for fiscal year 2016 - 2017. It was seconded by Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper moved, seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to refer this matter to the Finance and Government Operations Committee. It is a unanimous to refer this back to Economic Development with nine affirmative votes. Council Members Santangelo and Streeto are absent.

- C. Approving creating a new Capital Non-recurring Account for the Kleen Energy Fund and approving the transfer of the money from the Kleen Energy Depreciation account line item into the newly created line entitled Kleen Energy Fund CNR.**

Resolution No. 63-15

File Name wsKleenEnergyCreationofflineitemCNRfund5-15

(Approved)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN THAT: The WPCA recommends to the Common Council the creation of a new line item for Capital Non-Recurring Account for the Kleen Energy Fund.

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The available funds from the Depreciation Account be transferred to the newly created line item labeled Kleen Energy Capital Non-Recurring Account.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper reads and moves for approval creating a new Capital Non-recurring Account for the Kleen Energy Fund and approving the transfer of the money from the Kleen Energy Depreciation account line item into the newly created line entitled Kleen Energy Fund CNR. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

D. Approving the Kleen Energy Fund Budget for the Water Department for fiscal year 2015 - 2016.

Resolution No. 64-15
File Name wsKleenEnergybudgetapprovedbyWPCA5-15
(Amended and Approved)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

That the Kleen Energy Water Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 15-16 be approved as follows:

Kleen				
Water Dept. Budget Expenditures				
FY 15/16				Kleen
				Proposed
				FY 15/16
				Budget
501	6000	5111		220,000.00
1	0	0	Salaries & Wages, FT Perm	0
501	6000			
1	0	xxxxx	Pension Value	18,040.00
501	6000	5122		\$
1	0	0	Salaries & Wages, PT Temp	-
501	6000	5134		
1	0	0	Overtime	18,750.00
501	6000	5137		
1	0	0	Stipend Overtime	7,410.00
501	6000	5142		
1	0	0	Longevity	1,200.00
501	6000	5151		
1	0	0	Workers' Compensation	10,993.00
501	6000	5153		135,629.00
1	0	0	Health Insurance	0
501	6000	5155		
1	0	0	FICA	300.00
501	6000	5156		
1	0	0	Medicare	3,450.00
501	6000	5195		
1	0	0	Uniform Allowance	975.00
501	6000	5196		
1	0	0	Unused Sick Pay	750.00
501	6000	5197		
1	0	0	Unused Vacation Pay	900.00
501	6000	5211		
1	0	0	General Administration	7,650.00
501	6000	5212		
1	0	5	Interdepartmental Services	6,540.00
501	6000	5217		\$
1	0	5	Refunds	-
501	6000	5223		
1	0	0	Prop/Casualty Insurance	6,000.00
501	6000	5316		
1	0	5	Safety Supplies	450.00
501	6000	5321		
1	0	0	Chemicals & Cleaning Supplies	500.00
501	6000	5325		
1	0	5	Operating Expenses	10,000.00
501	6000	5328		
1	0	1	Meters	2,000.00
501	6000	5352		
1	0	0	Repairs/Maintenance To Vehicles	6,075.00
501	6000	5411		
1	0	0	Telephone	10,975.00
501	6000	5413		
1	0	0	Natural Gas	2,250.00
501	6000	5414		
1	0	0	Gasoline	5,400.00
501	6000	5415		
1	0	0	Fuel Oil	4,000.00
501	6000	5416		
1	0	0	Diesel Fuel	8,100.00
501	6000	5420		\$
1	0	0	Electricity	-
501	6000	5517		
1	0	5	Temporary Services	270.00
501	6000	5518		
1	0	5	Contractual Services	40,500.00
501	6000	5702		
1	0	0	Contingency Fund	45,000.00

501	6000	5724		
1	0	0	Water Interest	35,000.00
501	6000	5732		
1	0	0	Water Principal	-
501	6000	5951		366,300.0
1	0	0	Depreciation	0
Totals (Dollars)				975,407.0
				0
Kleen				
Water Dept. Budget Revenues				Kleen
FY 15/16				Proposed
				FY 15/16
				Budget
501	6000	4470		
1	0	5	Lien	
501	6000	4471		
1	0	0	Interest /Penalties	
501	6000	4471		782,367.0
1	0	5	Services Charges	0
501	6000	4472		
1	0	1	Special Readings	
501	6000	4711		
1	0	0	Interest Earned	
501	6000	4815		
1	0	6	Water Demand Direct	
501	6000	4816		
1	0	1	Water Material & Services	
501	6000	4913		
1	0	0	Workers Comp Refunds	
501	6000	4417		
1	0	0	Miscellaneous	
501				193,040.0
1	736	517	Transfer From Fund Balance	0
Totals (Dollars)				975,407.0
				0

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval the Kleen Energy Fund Budget for the Water Department for fiscal year 2015 - 2016. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion.

The Acting Chair states this is the substituted resolution. Councilwoman Kasper states that is her question that we are approving the substituted one that includes the pension. The Acting Chair believes that is the one that Councilman Chisem was referring to.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

E. Approving a bid waiver in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances for the Russell Library to purchase and install replacement windows at the Library Administrative Building from Wrang Builders of Portland, CT in an amount not to exceed \$8,200, utilizing LoCIP funds.

Resolution No. 65-15

File Name rlbidwaiverforrusselllibrarywindowphase2

(Approved)

Whereas, the Russell Library Company, through a grant for energy conservation grant from Northeast Utilities, recently financed in total, the replacement of energy inefficient and degraded windows on the 1st floor of the Russell Library Administrative Office Building

Whereas, it was discovered that the 2nd floor windows are in equally deteriorated condition and becoming a problematic issue in terms of energy loss and consumption and the architectural firm in charge of the overall Russell Library Renovations has recommended the replacement of the 2nd floor windows as well;

Whereas, the 2nd phase of the Russell Library Improvements has been approved and generously funded by the City Council through the City's LoCIP allocation and \$8,200 of those LoCIP funds are earmarked for these window replacements;

Whereas, the original 1st floor windows were replaced by Wrang Builders of Portland, Connecticut and in order to establish uniformity of use, design, warranty and implementation, the Russell Library leaders and facility team met with the Standardization & Specifications Committee, which wholeheartedly supported and approved the requested Bid Waiver 3-0 for Wrang Builders.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That a bid waiver be approved in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances for the Russell Library to purchase and install replacement windows for the Library Administrative Building from Wrang Builders of Portland, Connecticut for an amount not to exceed \$8,200 utilizing LoCIP funds

Fiscal Impact:

All funds will be expended from the LoCIP funds available to the City as approved at the May 2015 City Council meeting for Russell Library Improvements Phase 2.

Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. reads and moves for approval a bid waiver in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances for the Russell Library to purchase and install replacement windows at the Library Administrative Building from Wrang Builders of Portland, CT in an amount not to exceed \$8,200, utilizing LoCIP funds. Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper seconds the motion.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

F. Approving authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a purchase price, subject to Council approval, and a favorable GS 8-24 and Special Exception approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission, to purchase 21 Peck Road, a .33 acre parcel for use as a parking area for Farm Hill School.

Resolution No. 66-15

File Name PCD_FarmHillSchool_21PeckRoadAcq_2015

(Referred to Economic Development Commission)

WHEREAS the Farm Hill School at 390 Ridge Road is severely constrained to meeting the parking and facility needs due to its 4.4 acres size and topography challenges; and

WHEREAS, 21 Peck Road, adjacent to the school is a 0.33 acre parcel on the market for \$189,000;

WHEREAS, 21 Peck Road has a 2014 Grand List value of \$154,440;

WHEREAS, 21 Peck Road has the potential to provide up to 38 park space or a 3,500 square foot single story building;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That the Common Council hereby authorized the Mayor to negotiate an agreed purchase price subject obtaining an appraisal, to the final approval of the purchase price and funding by the Common Council, a favorable GS 8-24 and Special Exception approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT – This acquisition would need to be funded either out the Middletown Public School's Budget or an appropriation from the City of Middletown's General Fund. The estimated cost of the acquisition will be in the neighborhood of \$154,000 and \$189,000. Acquiring this property would also require demolition of the building at a cost of between \$40,000 and \$60,000. Construction of a parking lot would be approximately \$150,000 to \$250,000 with associated lighting and landscaping.

Councilman Gerald E. Daley reads and moves for approval Approving authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a purchase price, subject to Council approval, and a favorable GS 8-24 and Special Exception approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission, to purchase 21 Peck Road, a .33 acre parcel for use as a parking area for Farm Hill School. Councilman David Bauer seconds the motion.

Councilman Faulkner states we need to know what the discussion is what the alternatives are. The acting chair states it will come back to the Council. Councilman Bauer offers get this done right; one of the things the parking lot would be for is a school facility. We should get documentation from the Board of Ed for educational specifications and when the Economic Development Commission reviews it to get their hands on such a document and incorporate it. Councilman Giuliano asks if there is time sensitivity to this. The director stated it was a proposed short sale and the property is in danger of foreclosure or in the process of and I would wonder whether referral is the wrong message to send to the process.

The acting chair states it will be taken up by the Board of Ed at their June 9 meeting and he is not sure of the time frame. Councilman Daley states the short sale was news to him and he doesn't believe it implies foreclosure. The current owners plan to move to Florida for retirement and they want to sell quickly and it is a factor that real estate has declined. I don't think there is a risk of foreclosure. I am disconcerted no one was here from the Board to explain the need for this. Councilwoman Bartolotta states we should not rush into this. There are obvious conversations that need to take place and we need to know what the Board's expectations are and ask them to bring as much information to the conversation as possible. It needs to be referred back.

Chair states if you read the text it is not just 33 parking spaces, but also a one story building.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper moved, seconded by Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski to refer this matter to the Economic Development Commission. The acting chair calls for the vote and it is unanimous to refer this back to the Economic Development Commission with nine aye votes. Council Members Santangelo and Streeto are absent. The Chair declares the motion approved.

G. Approving amending the job description for the position of Firefighter to remove the Emergency Medical Technician certification at time of application to help broaden recruitment efforts to hire Middletown residents.

Resolution NO. 67-15
File Name GCCFirefighterjobdescription
(Referred to Public Safety Commission)

Whereas, the job description for the position of Firefighter, (\$38,216 - \$68,577) Middletown Professional Firefighters – Local #1073 was revised in January 2012; and,

Whereas, the City of Middletown wishes to broaden its efforts to recruit Middletown residents into its fire service; and,

Whereas, the current job description requires interested parties to carry Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification at time of application; and

Whereas, it is believed that this requirement is an impediment to achieving the recruitment goals of the department;

Now therefore, Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that the revised job description for the Firefighter position, with no change in salary, is hereby approved.

Fiscal Impact: None

City of Middletown, Connecticut Position Description	
Title:	Firefighter
Department:	Fire
Date:	January -2012 Revised Revised June 2015
Purpose of Position	
Responds to fire alarms and other emergencies to safeguard life and property; performs a variety of duties in response to medical emergencies, rescue operations and in the control and extinguishment of fires; administers first aid; participates in overhaul operations and other service related activities; maintains fire department buildings, quarters, and equipment; conducts fire safety checks and inspections. Receives general supervision from the Fire Chief and direct supervision from a superior officer of the Fire Department who assigns duties and reviews for proper performance.	
Essential Duties and Responsibilities	
The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answers fire alarms and fights fires to safeguard life and property; and is subject to call back for emergencies when off duty.• Operates all firefighting equipment and facilities as assigned.• Maintains interior and exterior of fire house in clean orderly condition.• Cleans and maintains firefighting equipment.• Performs other related functions as assigned or required.	
Minimum Training and Experience Required to Perform Essential Job Functions	
Must have a High school diploma or certificate of equivalency; must have a valid motor vehicle operator's license; must be a citizen of the United States; must be 18 years of age or older; must have <u>the ability to obtain</u> Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification <u>at time of application within first one year of hire after graduation from the Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Firefighter Program</u> and must maintain EMT certification as a condition of employment; must be a non-smoker on duty for duration of employment.	
Physical and Mental Abilities Required to Perform Essential Job Functions	
Language Ability and Interpersonal Communication	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires the ability to acquire knowledge of approved principles, techniques and practices of firefighting, and specialized rescue theories and equipment.	

- Requires the ability to learn fire prevention and fire fighting routines.
- Requires the ability to carry out orders as assigned.
- Requires the ability to think quickly and to act effectively in emergency situations.
- Requires the ability to read and comprehend written instructions such as hazardous material information.
- Requires the ability to communicate effectively with the public and to be an effective team player.

Physical Requirements

- Requires the ability to swim.
- Requires the ability to do prolonged heavy manual and mechanical work under adverse conditions.
- Requires the ability to drive and operate a variety of fire equipment and to obtain proper Connecticut State License.
- Requires the ability to operate water hose, tools and other fire equipment.
- Requires the ability to wear self-contained breathing apparatus, and the ability to abide by all OSHA respiratory standards.
- Requires the ability to lift and/or carry weights over 120 pounds for safety purpose.
- Requires the ability to climb stairs and ladders; and be able to maneuver into small tight spaces.
- Requires the ability to work at or around high rise structures.
- Requires the ability to obtain a State of Connecticut CDL-B or Q Endorsement.

The City of Middletown is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

Status: **APPROVED**
By Common Council, City of Middletown
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Councilwoman Bartolotta moves for approval amending the job description for the position of Firefighter to remove the Emergency Medical Technician certification at time of application to help broaden recruitment efforts to hire Middletown residents.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper moved, seconded by Councilman David Bauer to refer this to the Public Safety Commission.

Councilman Daley states from discussion there is good reason for this proposed change. Some council members might not be aware that to retain certification you have to be actively employed in a field that uses EMT certification. Many of the members were a distance away that have applied and because Middletown's practice is firefighter II certification and they have to go through that process it seemed a logical approach and it was done as a cost saving measure so we wouldn't pay for the certification. He doesn't object that it go to Public Safety. Councilman Faulkner states he supports the referral but he did want to express his support for anything to get rid of some of the barriers for applying for some of the jobs here. It is a priority for us. He would support this. Acting Chair states after years of endorsing residency and supports it going to Public Safety. He states it is referring this back to Public Safety.

The acting chair calls for the vote and it is unanimous to refer this item to Public Safety with nine aye votes. Council Members Santangelo and Streeto are absent. The acting chair states the matter passes.

H. Approving amending the Personnel Rules as presented to the Council at its June 1 meeting.

Resolution No. 68-15

File Name GCCrevised personnel rules 2015;
(Referred to General Counsel Commission)

Whereas, the Personnel Rules have not seen substantial revisions in over a decade; and,

Whereas, changes to various federal, state and local regulations, policies and procedures have occurred resulting in outdated language and procedures;

Now Therefore, Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, that the Personnel Rules are hereby amended effective upon ratification by the Common Council.

For the Draft Rules See File: k:/resolut/gccdraftpersonnelrules6-1-15

Councilman Chisem moves for approval amending the Personnel Rules as presented to the Council at its June 1 meeting. His motion is seconded by Councilman Faulkner.

Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta moved, seconded by Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski to refer it back to the General Counsel Commission.

The Chair calls for the vote and it is unanimous with nine aye votes to refer this back to the General Counsel Commission. Council Members Santangelo and Streeto are absent. The acting chair states the matter is approved to refer this back to committee.

The Acting Chair states thank you General Counsel; you finally got movement on the Personnel Rules. It hasn't been done in 15 or 20 years. You have done a lot of work and the Council should take time to read through this. It is a good start. Councilwoman Bartolotta is recognized and she would like to encourage any Council member, once you have thoroughly reviewed the changes, if you cannot attend the next meeting, then I ask that you e-mail your questions and concerns to me so that they may be reviewed at the meeting. The meetings are the third Monday of the month. She would like to address those at that meeting.

- I. **Approving a \$10,000 transfer from the Economic Development Fund Balance into line item 4330-14000-99200-0000-35154, Economic Development Outreach Initiatives to fund economic development opportunities using various avenues.**

Resolution No. 69-15

File Name PCD2015Economicdevelopment initiatives
(Approved)

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown's economic future and quality of life initiatives are dependent on attracting and retaining businesses and making economic development investments; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development endeavors to engage in a comprehensive effort to reach out to parties who could potentially bring new economic development projects, businesses and investment to Middletown and who would expand facilities already in the City of Middletown, and to raise awareness of Middletown's economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development needs dedicated funding to allow for recruitment marketing the City of Middletown's economic development opportunities through various means such as upgrades to its website, hosting business networking events in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, participating in organizations and publications commonly utilized by site selection consultants, corporate real estate executives, businesses, brokers and developers, as well as other direct efforts to support Middletown's economic development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee recommended approval at their May 6, 2015 meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

Decrease

4330-00000-30310-0000-00000-0000-900 Economic Development Fund Balance by \$10,000.

Increase

4330-14000-99200-0000-35154-0000-000 Economic Development Outreach Initiatives by \$10,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT – This has a \$10,000 impact on the Economic Development Fund.

Councilman Gerald E. Daley reads and moves for approval a \$10,000 transfer from the Economic Development Fund Balance into line item 4330-14000-99200-0000-35154, Economic Development Outreach Initiatives to fund economic development opportunities using various avenues. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

Councilman Daley states it will be used by the Economic Development specialist to travel to symposiums where potential developers, real estate and brokerage firm people will be accessible to him and it is to update marketing materials. This is outreach to other areas and there are large symposiums in the northeast and they hope it yields results.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P.

Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

- J. Approving amending ordinance Sections 9-15 and 9-16 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances to change the Long Hill Estate Authority's address and to amend the number of terms to be served by its members from two consecutive terms to three.**

Ordinance No. 10-15

File Name sec9-15and9-16LongHillRevision5-15

(Approved)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Sections 9-15 and 9-16 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

§ 9-15. Articles of Incorporation.

The articles of incorporation of the Authority are as follows:

- A. The name of the Authority and the address of its principal office shall be: Long Hill Estate Authority, c/o the Wadsworth Mansion, 421 Wadsworth Street, Middletown, Connecticut.
- B. The Authority is created under C.G.S. §§ 7-130a to 7-130w, inclusive, as amended.
- C. The participating political subdivision is the City of Middletown, Connecticut.
- D. The members of the Authority, their addresses and terms of office, shall be as appointed by the Mayor and the Common Council.
- E. The Authority is created for the sole purpose of administering Long Hill Estate with the power granted to such Authority by this article, §§ 9-13 through 9-18, of the Code of the City of Middletown.

§ 9-16. Appointment of members; terms of office; officers.

The Mayor of the City, with approval of a majority of the Common Council, shall select and appoint the members of said Authority, which shall consist of nine members. Members shall be selected from interested citizens with experience and expertise in one or more of the following fields: natural resource planning and management, horticulture, historic preservation, arts and culture, the hospitality industry, finance and real estate management. One of said members shall be a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Long Hill Estate. All appointments will be made for a term of three years. Terms shall be limited to three three-year terms. Officers shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer who shall serve for a term of one year. Officers shall be elected by the members of the Authority.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval amending ordinance Sections 9-15 and 9-16 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances to change the Long Hill Estate Authority's address and to amend the number of terms to be served by its members from two consecutive terms to three. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion.

Councilman Bauer is recognized and states he will be abstaining from this vote.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 8 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 0 nay votes, 1 abstention by Councilman Bauer, and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto and one abstention by Councilman Bauer. The Chair states the matter carried with 2 absent and the noted abstention.

- K. Approving amending Middletown Ordinances, Chapter 47. FUNDS to add a new Article IXX Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund with new sections 47-44 through 47-48 with the ordinance establishing a new fund and how it will be used.**

Ordinance No. 11-15

File Name sec47-44 – 47-48 openspacetrustfund12 3 13

(Referred to Finance and Government Operations)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Chapter 47. FUNDS of the Middletown Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended by adding Article IXX, Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund, and new sections, §47-44 through §47-48, to read as follows:

Article IXX: Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund

§47-44. Establishment; purpose.

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, §7-131r, there shall be a fund created to be known as the "Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund" for the purpose of protecting and preserving the City of Middletown's natural resources and rural character. Such fund shall not lapse at the end of the municipal fiscal year.

§47-45. Sources of funding

- A. The City of Middletown may deposit City funds into the Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund and shall deposit all monies received by the City of Middletown, from whatever source, as monetary gifts for the acquisition and preservation of open space, including fees, gifts, grants, donations and loans, unless otherwise restricted, into said Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund.
- B. Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, §7-131r, there may be deposited in said fund, annually, an amount not to exceed the amount which would be generated by the imposition of a tax of two mills against the

property subject to tax in such municipality pursuant to Chapter 203 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as may be appropriated by the municipality.

- C. All or any part of the monies in said fund may be invested in any securities in which public funds may be lawfully invested. All income derived from such investment shall be placed into the fund and become a part thereof. The monies so invested shall at all times be subject to withdrawal for use as hereinafter set forth.

§47-46. Limitations on Fund Use

No sums contained in said Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund, including interest and dividends earned, shall be transferred to any other account within the City of Middletown's budget. No expenditures shall be made from the Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund except in accordance with the provisions of this article.

§47-47. Expenditures

- A. The continuation of the Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund shall be perpetual, notwithstanding that from time to time said fund may be left with a zero balance or shall be unfunded.
- B. Expenditures shall be made from the Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund only in accordance with the following procedures and requirements:
- (1) Said expenditures may be made by the Common Council, upon recommendation by the Conservation Commission, for the appraisal, acquisition, evaluation, maintenance, conservation and preservation costs relating to parcels of land or easements, interests or rights therein and for matching grants with the state, the use of which shall be limited to retention of the parcel in its natural condition and for the preservation of such land, which includes: (1) the protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat, (2) activities determined by the Conservation Commission to increase the natural functions and values of the property, (3) agricultural or forest management purposes, (4) the controlled harvesting of wildlife such as fishing or hunting conducted in compliance with applicable local, state and federal regulations and ordinances, (5) for passive non-motorized recreational activities, or (6) other uses deemed appropriate and acceptable by the Common Council for such maintenance, preservation or conservation purposes.
 - (2) Said expenditures may be made by the Common Council, upon recommendation by the Conservation Commission, for the acquisition of development rights, consistent with the general purpose of this chapter and may include one or more of the following:
 - (a) Development rights which will tend to maintain and enhance the conservation and/or preservation of natural or scenic resources.
 - (b) Development rights which will tend to protect natural topography, wetlands, watercourses, unique natural features, and/or water supply.
 - (c) Development rights which will tend to enhance public recreation opportunities.
 - (d) Development rights which will tend to protect historical or archaeological sites.
 - (e) Development rights which will tend to promote conservation of agricultural soils, partially prime farmland soil.
 - (f) Development rights which will tend to contribute towards and preserve agriculture in town.
 - (g) Development rights which will tend to promote certain publicly desirable uses of land, expected at the present time to include agricultural, forest and natural uses.
 - (h) Development rights which will tend to promote the protection of state protected species or species otherwise unique to the municipality or locality.
 - (3) Recommendations for the appropriation for acquisition of any parcel and/or easement right or interest therein, shall be prepared by the Conservation Commission. The price for the acquisition of any parcel shall be based upon the average of two separate appraisals of the parcel conducted by two separate real estate appraisers who are licensed real estate appraisers in the State of Connecticut. This section shall not apply to property that is donated to the City or property sold to the City for a nominal amount.
 - (4) The Conservation Commission's recommendation for the appropriation for acquisition of any parcel and/or easement right or interest shall be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §8-24.
 - (5) The recommendations of the Conservation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission, shall then be forwarded to the Common Council for review.

§47-48. Fees in lieu to be deposited

Upon the creation of the Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund, fees to the City of Middletown collected in lieu of any requirement to provide open space pursuant to the fee-in-lieu-of statute, C.G.S. §§8-25 and 8-25b, if and when authorized by the Planning and Zoning Commission, shall be deposited into said Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund.

Councilwoman Bartolotta moves for approval amending Middletown Ordinances, Chapter 47. FUNDS to add a new Article IXX Katchen Coley Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund with new sections 47-44 through 47-48 with the ordinance establishing a new fund and how it will be used. Her motion is seconded by Councilwoman Kleckowski.

Councilman Bauer states this is establishing a new fund; has it gone to Finance and Government Operations. The Committee members respond no.

Councilman David Bauer moves to refer this to the Finance and Government Operations Commission; the motion is seconded by Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper. The vote is called and it is unanimous to refer this back to committee with nine aye votes. Council Members Santangelo and Streeto are absent. The acting chair states the motion to refer is approved with two absent and 9 aye votes.

- L. Approving amending Ordinance Sections 214-12 Notices and signs and 214-13 Political meetings and signs regarding signs and meetings and events held on City property or City recreational area property.**

Ordinance No. 12-15

File Name Sec214-12and214-13politicalsigns5 14 15

(Approved)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Sections 214-12 and 214-13 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 214-12. Notices and signs.

- A. For purposes of this section, "person" includes any individual.
- B. No person shall erect or post any notice or sign upon City park property, on City recreational area property, on City beaches and at the City pools except when notices or signs are authorized by the City Public Works and Facilities Commission. Unauthorized notices or signs may be confiscated and held by the City.
- C. Confiscated notices and signs will be held for a period of seven (7) business days. If a confiscated notice or sign is not claimed within seven (7) business days, it will be discarded.
- D. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined in an amount as provided in § 214-36.
- E. Enforcement shall be performed by the City Zoning/Wetlands Officer or the moderator at the designated polling places.

§ 214-13. Meetings and Events.

- A. Meetings and events may be held on City park property with the approval of the Public Works and Facilities Commission or Public Works Department. Meetings or events with thirty (30) or more people or at which food will be served require approval by the Public Works and Facilities Commission. Other meetings require only approval of the Director of Public Works or his/her designee. No meetings or events may disturb the tranquility of the park visitors or distract them from their enjoyment of the park.
- B. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined in an amount as provided in § 214-36.

Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. reads and moves for approval L. Approving amending Ordinance Sections 214-12 Notices and signs and 214-13 Political meetings and signs regarding signs and meetings and events held on City property or City recreational area property. Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper seconds the motion.

Councilman Daley asks if this has gone through the Public Works and Facilities Commission; the acting chair responds yes.

The acting chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

11. Mayor's Appointments.

(Approved)

Urban Forestry

Appointment of Elisabeth Holder to December 31, 2017.

Russell Library Board of Trustees:

Reappointment of Jennifer Hadley to May 31, 2018.
Reappointment of A. Stephen Nelson to May 31, 2018.

Middletown Housing Partnership Trust:

Reappointment of Salvatore Nesci to June 30, 2018.
Reappointment of Aaron Roome to June 30, 2018.

Inland/Wetlands and Water Courses Agency, ALTERNATE:

Reappointment of Jack Pieper to October 31, 2019.

Resourced Recycling Advisory Committee:

Appointment of Anthony R. J. Moran to April 22, 2020.

Conservation Commission:

Appointment of Elisabeth Holder to February 15, 2020.

Harbor Improvement Agency:

Appointment of Peter Gillies to fill a vacancy to January 31, 2017.

Chair reads the appointments for approval and asks for a motion to approve.

Councilman Gerald E. Daley moves for approval the Mayor's Appointments. Councilman Carl R. Chisem seconds the motion.

Councilman Giuliano thanks the clerk for the back-up material on the appointments to show they are in compliance with the minority representation statute.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

12. Contingency Fund Transfers (2)

Two contingency funds were announced:

\$150 into 1000-27000-57030-0708 (Community Miscellaneous Expense) to pay for a memorial brick at the CT Trees of Honor;

\$1,785, into 1000-22000-51333-0226 (Highway Miscellaneous overtime) to pay for Public Works Personnel to remove flooring at the grounds of Wadsworth Mansion after the Mayor's Ball due to forecasted heavy rain

13. Meeting adjourned.

Councilman Gerald E. Daley moves to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman James Streeto. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

The acting chair adjourns the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

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